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Immigration

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Chile – Introduction of New Business Visa for Indian Investors

Chile's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced a new streamlined business visa that will allow multiple entries into the country for Indian citizens for stays of up to 90 days. The measure supports Chile's broader strategy to strengthen economic ties with India and promote cross-border investment and trade.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

The introduction of this streamlined business visa represents an important development for organizations managing cross-border mobility between India and Chile. The initiative is designed to facilitate travel for entrepreneurs, professionals, and technical workers involved in business activities. The ability to enter Chile multiple times over a two-year period, with stays of up to 90 days per visit, supports more agile workforce deployment models and may reduce the need for frequent visa applications.

For global mobility and talent management teams, the enhanced flexibility may facilitate the movement of employees for a broader range of business activities, including exploratory visits, client engagements, and project-based assignments.

More broadly, the measure signals Chile's continued efforts to strengthen its economic relationship with India and attract foreign investment to the country. As bilateral trade and business engagement continue to grow, organizations may anticipate increased travel flows and deeper commercial integration between the two countries, reinforcing the importance of adaptable and forward-looking mobility strategies.

Key Highlights

Visa updates

- Chile introduced a new streamlined business visa for Indian citizens, allowing multiple entries over a validity period of two years, with stays of up to 90 days per visit.
- The streamlined business visa also features a faster and more efficient application process, reducing paperwork and waiting times.

- The enhanced flexibility may reduce administrative burden by limiting the need for repeated visa applications and may support more agile deployment of business visitors, technical specialists, and senior executives.

KPMG INSIGHTS

The introduction of this visa reflects a broader global trend toward simplifying and facilitating business travel, particularly in the context of strengthening international investment corridors. Governments are increasingly implementing multi-entry and expedited visa solutions to support economic growth, attract foreign capital, and enable faster movement of business professionals across borders. In this context, Chile’s approach aligns with similar mobility facilitation measures observed in other key investment destinations.

From a business perspective, this development may contribute to an increase in short-term travel between India and Chile, particularly in sectors where bilateral collaboration is expanding, such as mining, energy, technology, and infrastructure. As companies explore and develop opportunities in these industries, the availability of a more flexible entry option may support closer coordination between headquarters, regional hubs, and local operations, enabling more frequent in-person engagement when needed.

Looking ahead, organizations might wish to consider the following actions:

- Review current business visitor travel patterns to Chile to determine whether the new visa could streamline mobility planning. Organizations may view this development as part of a broader evolution in global mobility strategies, where short-term business travel plays a more strategic role in early-stage market entry and project development.
- Assess internal policies to ensure appropriate differentiation between business visitor activities and work authorization requirements.
- Monitor further developments in Chile–India bilateral mobility initiatives that may affect workforce deployment strategies.

If assignees and/or their program managers have questions about this development, they may wish to consult with their usual global mobility or immigration advisers to assess the potential impact on their existing and future mobility arrangements.

ENDNOTE:

1 Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs announcement (in Spanish), [“Canciller Pérez Mackenna se reúne con su par de India y anuncia una visa de negocios expedita para empresarios indios que quieran invertir en Chile,”](#) published on 13 May 2026.

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